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SUBJECT: RUMSFELD LETTER ON DPC HANDLING OF DRAFT FORCE GOALS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF APRIL 18 LETTER WHICH RUSFELD SENT TO  
TYG LUNS ON DPC HANDLING OF DRAFT FORCE GOALS.

QUOTE.

THE DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENSE  
PLANNING COMMITTEE, IS NEARING COMPLETION OF ITS REVIEW OF THE  
1975-1980 FORCE PROPOSALS/ FORCE GOALS. AFTER THE DRC COMPLETES  
ITS TASK, IT WILL SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DPC IN THE  
FORM OF DRAFT FORCE GOALS FOR INDIVIDUAL ALLIED COUNTRIES.

I PROPOSE THAT THE DPC DEVOTE TWO SEPARATE MEETINGS TO THE  
DRC REPORT ON FORCE PROPOSALS IN ORDER TO PERMIT ADEQUATE CON-  
SIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT. AT THE  
FIRST OF THESE MEETINGS, I THINK IT WOULD BE PROFITABLE TO RE-  
CEIVE A PRESENTATION OF THE FORCE PROPOSALS FROM THE POINT OF  
VIEW OF THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE.

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THE DRC REVIEW OF THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES FORCE  
PROPOSALS IS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY COUNTRY-ORIENTED, WITH THE RESULT  
THAT ONE FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO COMPREHEND THE OVERALL AIMS AND  
POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF THE DRAFT FORCE GOALS FROM AN ALLIANCE-WIDE

PERSPECTIVE. I AND POSSIBLY OTHER PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BENEFIT FROM A PRESENTATION WHICH GROUPED, EXPLAINED, AND CLARIFIED THE DRAFT FORCE GOALS, AND ADDRESSED THEIR POTENTIAL BENEFITS ON AN ALLIANCE - WIDE OR REGIONAL BASIS. SUCH A PRESENTATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WOULD PROVIDE A BETTER APPRECIATION OF THE TOTALITY OF THE PROPOSED NATO FORCE GOALS. AT A SECOND DPC MEETING, THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COULD CONSIDER THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES DRAFT FORCE GOALS.

FINALLY, AT ONE OF THESE MEETINGS. I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS SUGGESTIONS OFFERED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS, AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE FORCE PROPOSALS REVIEW IN THE FUTURE.

I AM SENDING COPIES OF THIS LETTER TO OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE. END QUOTE. RUMSFELD

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